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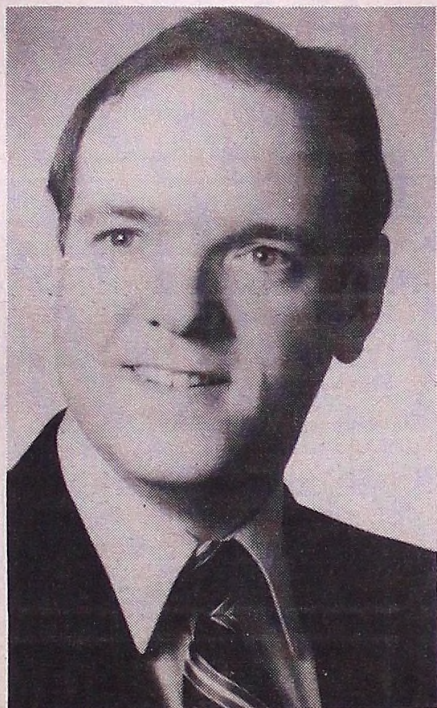
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Romulus City Council Race Heats Up



Steve Banko



Barry Baumann



Leroy Burcroff

Editor's note: With the primary for Mayor and Treasurer safely under the belts of Romulus voters, more attention is now being focused on the 11 City Council candidates – incumbents Mary Collins, Bill Crova, Randy Gear, Mike Prybyla, Debbie Romak, and Bill Wadsworth, and challengers Steve Banko, Barry Baumann, Leroy Burcroff, Bob McLachlan, and Don Morris. In our next four issues, The Romulus News will also focus on these competitors for the City's seven Council seats. Candidates Banko, Baumann, and Burcroff are featured in this issue; watch for our September 26, October 10, and October 24 editions for other profiles.

Steve Banko

"I have always dedicated myself to the betterment of the City of Romulus," stated Steve Banko, "whether it was by volunteering my time to the many organizations that I belonged to, or as the Ordinance Director for our city."

Certainly, the man has an impressive history of community involvement, including service as chairman of the Romulus Beautification Committee and Romulus Goodfellows, vice-president of the Cory Elementary School PTO, Little League baseball coach, and member of the Romulus North Little League Executive Board and the City's Environmental Task Force.

The 46-year-old – who identifies himself as a persistent, hard-working family man who will "say it as it is, and

not beat around the bush" – is married to wife Carolyn, and has two sons: Steven and Nicholas. A graduate of Holy Redeemer High School, where he was president of the Student Council, Banko also completed more than three years at the University of Detroit.

The former director of the City of Romulus Ordinance Department (a position that he held for 12 years) believes that his experience in City government – combined with a common-sense approach to problem-solving and a basically honest nature – will stand him in good stead as a councilman.

"People who know me are well aware that I have always lived by a practical, 'what is good for one is good for all' philosophy," said Banko, "and that I am a trustworthy individual."

Because of his concern for public health and safety, as well as community prosperity, Banko says that he:

- remains opposed to the waste-well projects being pursued by Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.;
- believes firmly in the fair enforcement of the City's ordinances; and
- is especially interested in making repairs and improvements to the City's roads, sidewalks, sewers – not just along major thoroughfares, but throughout the residential areas, as well.

Among the organizations endorsing Banko are the AFL-CIO, the UAW, and AFSCME.

For more information about the Banko campaign, call 941-5935.

Barry Baumann

"I hadn't been back to Romulus for more than two hours, when residents started encouraging me to seek public office again," smiled Barry Baumann, who served three terms on the Romulus City Council from (1981–1987) before being defeated by only 19 votes in the November '87 election. "I am truly humbled by the support that Romulus residents have offered me."

Baumann, 46, was a lifelong resident of Romulus until 1988, when he moved to the Lansing area; it was in 1994 that he returned to his home town. He attended St. Aloysius School, St. Mary's Preparatory (Orchard Lake), and St. Mary's College, where he received a B.A. in Liberal Arts in 1972.

Another candidate with sound community-involvement credentials, Baumann is a past member of the Romulus Jaycees, the Romulus Booster Club, and the Romulus Athletic Club, and also served as City Council's representative on the Planning Commission between 1981 and 1985.

Baumann says that he was amazed, upon his return to Romulus, to see the City in such turmoil: "[Mayor] Bill Oakley has brought about some tranquility in the last two years, but hateful, spiteful factions are still stirring the pot – which, in effect, is a detriment to the City," he

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Timely Tidbits ...

Romak, Kesner Eliminated in Primary

Making the cut to November's general-election ballot are mayor-al candidates William M. Oakley, the incumbent, and challenger Leo L. Knasiak. Oakley's unofficial vote total of 1,250 put him well on top, while Knasiak's second-place total of 350 gave him a comfortable lead over Theodore Romak's 134 votes.

In the race for treasurer, candidate Pamela Morrison-Kersey was the top vote-getter, with 834, followed by Kris Moe, whose 514 votes squeezed out challenger Howard Kesner, who received a total of 413.

Altogether, 1,793 ballots were cast.

Pumpkin Festival

Everyone's invited to attend the first annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, which will be held the weekend of September 20–21. Goddard Road will be closed from just west of Shook Road to just east of Olive Street to give everyone plenty of room for enjoying the event's variety of attractions.

For more information about the Festival's schedule of events, please see page 5.

Hotline Updates Construction Info

AAA Michigan has established a toll-free hotline (1-800-411-4823) to give Michigan motorists easy access to the latest information on construction projects along heavily traveled traffic arteries. The service was launched in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"This service is designed to inform travelers of construction slowdowns or detours they may encounter along major routes," said Jeff Gaydos, Corporate Communications Manager.

The report, which will be updated several times weekly, will direct callers, via a simple menu system, to information about I-75, I-94, I-96, US-31/US-131, US-23, and Detroit-area freeways. □

Letter to the Editor

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The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Reader Questions Board Member's Statements

Dear Good People:

I believe that an article which was written by Romulus Board of Education president Julie Oleszkowicz, and which appeared in the August 1997 issue of the Romulus Community Schools newspaper, *Your Schools in Perspective*, merits serious scrutinization.

In the article, President Oleszkowicz states that children only spend about five percent of their life in school from birth to age 18. Let's look seriously at the validity of this claim.

First, I took the first 18 years of a child's life and multiplied that by 365 days. That comes out to 6,570. Then I multiplied that by 24 hours per day, which comes out to 157,680 hours. For the child's life in school, I multiplied a 13-year school life by a 180-day school year, which computes to 2,340 days. Multiply that by a six-hour school day, and you get 14,040 hours. Bear with me; now comes the percentage part.

By dividing 14,040 (the hours of school time) into 157,680 (the hours of the first 18 years of life) you get 11.23. That, in turn, comes out to an 8.9% rate. Not even *close* to "about five percent of their life." But let's dig deeper.

First, let's go by the President's own words. She says, "It seems that, *once children start school* [italics added], they are never home." And she's right. I mean, we don't notice that the children are gone until they are – which is when they start attending school. So let's go by the ages of 5-17, their whole school life.

So, here we go again. You take 13 years multiplied by 365 days multiplied by 24 hours and you get 113,880 hours. Divide that by 14,040 (school life hours) and you get 8.11. Now the percentage is 12.33%. But that's not all.

We deal in the real world, not just abstracts. There's also preparation and travel time involved – time that really counts. Most kids get up around 7:00 a.m. and get home around 3:30 p.m. That's the real school day. So let's go by that. Our school year now increases to 19,890 hours, which brings the percentage of life spent in school to 17.48%. But there's more.

In real life, children sleep eight hours a day. Oh, they may be home, but no social interaction is possible. We know that. Truly, this time can't be counted. So, if we take away eight hours a day by 365 days by 13 years, you get 37,960 hours. Take that off the 113,880 hours of school life and you get 75,920 of conscious, waking hours. So now, if you take those 75,920 and divide them into the 19,890 hours of real, genuine school time, you come out to 26.2%! And yes, my dears, there's still more.

In real life, there are tons of extra-curricular activities that schools have (sports, dramas, musicals, and clubs). Then there are the times when the little darlings have to stay over for various disciplinary reasons. Now, we know that they aren't mandatory, but many, many kids do pursue these things... at school... away from home. That takes a lot of time. And it all counts. Far, far, far more than "about five percent."

So what's the bottom line? It's this: Not only was President Oleszkowicz close to 50% off on her original statements ("about five percent" compared to 8.9%), but, based on how real life works, many, many children spend nearly as much time asleep as they do in school during their school careers. No wonder it seems "they are never home." They aren't!

It's disturbing that a person of Julie Oleszkowicz's position would be so flip-pant and careless with data that's represented as facts. Should we also trust what she says about the Parent/Community/Schools Compact?

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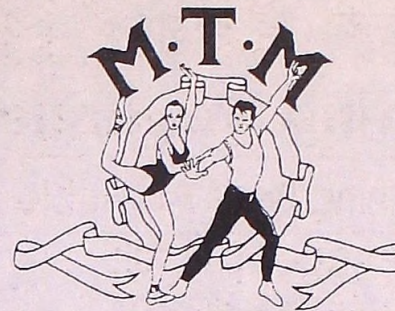
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Guest Commentary

Protect Religious Freedom, Says Profit

By State Representative Kirk Profit (D-Ypsilanti)

On July 3, 1997, the Michigan House of Representatives unanimously passed my bill, House Bill 4376, that would create the Michigan Religious Freedom Restoration Act. It is no coincidence that a bill intended to vigorously protect religious free exercise rights was passed the day before Independence Day. Religious persecution was one of the objects which the framers of the Constitution sought to prohibit. Unfortunately, times have changed and recent developments demand the passage of House Bill 4376.

In 1990, the United States Supreme Court significantly curtailed the amount of protection guaranteed under the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment. In *Employment Division v. Smith*, the Supreme Court held that a free exercise challenge to a neutral and generally applicable law was barred absent additional constitutional protections.

Outraged by *Smith*, Congress passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). In the words of the RFRA, the *Smith* opinion "virtually eliminated the requirement that the government justify burdens on religious exercise imposed by laws neutral toward religion." Essentially, the RFRA restored religious rights as they existed before the *Smith* opinion.

For a brief time, our rights to free exercise rights were vigorously protected through the RFRA. On June 25, 1997, however, our free exercise rights were once again curtailed. It was that day that the United States Supreme Court issued the *Boerne v. Flores* opinion. In *Boerne*, the Court held that Congress exceeded its authority and declared the RFRA unconstitutional.

The combined effect of the *Smith* and *Boerne* opinions do not bode well

for religious freedom. In essence, any free exercise challenge against a neutral and generally applicable law will likely fail.

As a result of the *Boerne* case, the Michigan House of Representatives took quick action on House Bill 4376. More specifically, barely a week after the *Boerne* opinion, my bill was unanimously passed by the Michigan House of Representatives.

Named the Michigan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, my bill will make in statute what was, before *Smith*, the law of the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment as construed by the United States Supreme Court. Specifically, my bill provides that the State shall not impose a substantial burden on the free exercise of religion unless the State has proven by clear and convincing evidence that the burden is necessary to advance a compelling governmental interest and that the means are the least restrictive to achieve the compelling governmental interest.

In conclusion, the bill I sponsored will put the bite back into religious freedom. Now that the bill has been unanimously passed by the House, it is pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee. I urge you to contact your State Senator and impress upon him/her the need to pass this bill most expeditiously.

Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals or spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, at no charge, at any time. For more information, contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at either 941-1907 or 941-3113. □

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stated. "It's no wonder that people are constantly telling me that we need a big change on City Council."

If elected, says Baumann, he will do his part to bring a more professional atmosphere to Council meetings. "From what people have told me over and over again, they are sick and tired of the repeated personal attacks which some Council members continue to make. They're embarrassed," he explained, adding, "Disagreement is healthy, and dialogue is productive, but the circus atmosphere *must* end."

Improvement of the quality of life for residents is one of Baumann's top goals. "With all the prospective new development in the City, someone has to start looking after the residents. It seems that, for years, City fathers sought development at any cost. Now, in some areas, residents are paying a dear price. It should never have happened!"

Another of Baumann's goals is to have local government work with Wayne County for a complete traffic analysis of the City. "Right now, the County proposes changes in roads that will affect Metro Airport – roads that are, in some cases, dead ends." Again, he says, residents are the forgotten souls: "Travel on some local roads, at various periods of the day, is horrendous. Ecorse and Van Born, for example, are like I-94 at rush hour in Detroit – and getting worse."

But Baumann believes that the most surprising aspect of our community today is the lack of spirit or unity. "It seems that Romulus has lost its identity as a community," he commented. "I would like to see more public affairs to rekindle the pride of years past, and the only way to begin to do that is to let residents know that they count, that they're important, and that this city belongs to them!"

To learn more about the Baumann campaign, call 595-3230.

Leroy Burcroff

Lifelong Romulus resident Leroy Burcroff is another of the new faces in this fall's Council race. As one of Dean and the late Shirley Burcroff's seven

children, the candidate says he knows the true meaning of "family values." Burcroff graduated from Romulus High School in 1982, and also attended Henry Ford Community College. He and wife Jerilynn have three children: Dean, age seven; Brad, who just turned six; and two-year-old Nancy.

The Burcroff family is active in the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus, where Leroy serves as president of the Methodist Men's Club.

Burcroff attributes his success to a strong work ethic instilled in him by his father, owner of Burcroff Furniture & Upholstery. As the Director of Sales for Bearing Service, Inc., he has been a successful business professional for the past 14 years, and currently manages 28 employees.

"One of my main objectives," said Burcroff, "is to raise the standard of our city council with a fresh and professional approach. I plan to bring the people's voice to the Council and make a positive difference for our city."

Burcroff believes that one of his strengths is that he is *not* a one-issue candidate. "I have concerns about many aspects of our city government, and I feel that my well-rounded background and good business sense will be an asset in making the crucial decisions which will face Romulus in the future."

"I am convinced that more emphasis needs to be put on long-term planning," he continued. "I'm here for the long haul, and I want Romulus to continue to grow as a community where families like mine can thrive – where our children will want to stay and put down their own roots after they're grown."

Basically, Burcroff feels that the current atmosphere of change and growth makes this a great time to get involved. "There's so much potential for improvement in Romulus now," he explained, "especially in the areas of residential and industrial growth. I want to be a part of this force for positive change. I want to be of service to my community."

For more information about the Burcroff campaign, call 467-8058.

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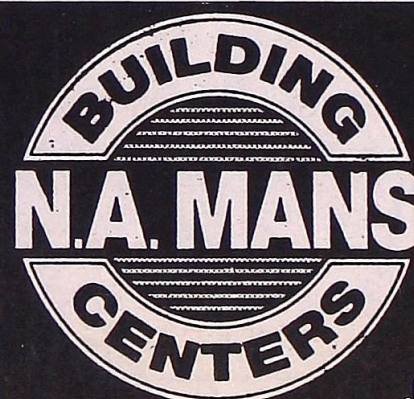
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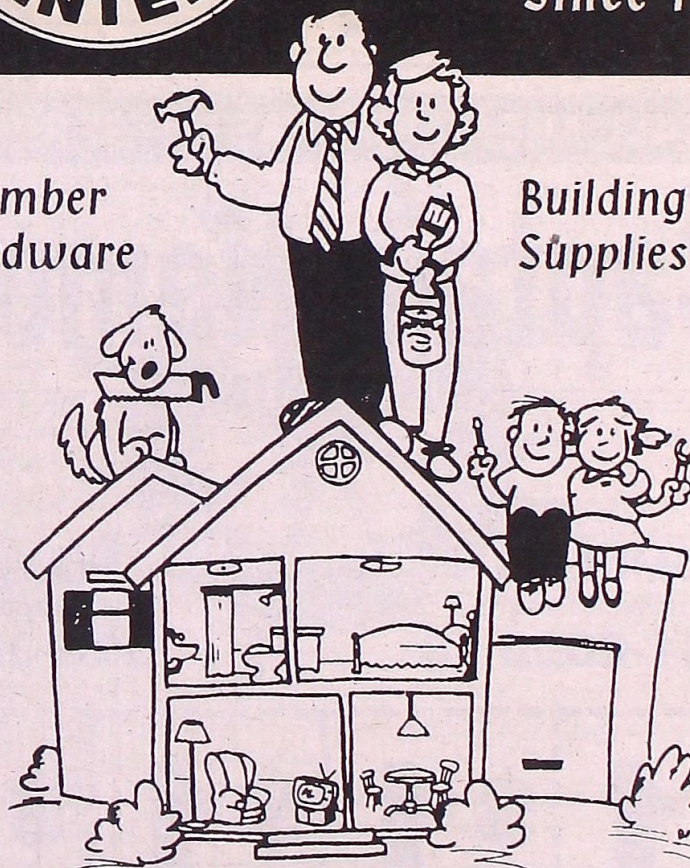
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Thursday, September 18

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(call ahead - 941-4304 - to be included)

Friday, September 19

Setup for food, merchandise, and craft vendors
(space is still available for the latter two;
artists, crafters, and nonprofit organizations
pay \$50 for a 10'x12' space and merchandise
vendors pay \$75; call 941-0476)

Saturday, September 20

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration for Pumpkin Growing, Sunflower Growing, and Canning contests
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. "Peppermint Kitty" performs
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Judging for Mr. & Ms. Scarecrow (ages 25+), Mr. & Ms. Pumpkin People (ages 8-24), and Sunflower Sam & Sunflower Sue (ages 1-8) contests
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. "Rumblin' Thunder Cloggers" performs
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Judging for Pumpkin Growing and Sunflower Growing contests
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. "Gospel Notes" performs
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Hay Rolling Contest
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pie Eating Contest
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. "L.L.P. & Crew" performs
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pumpkin Seed Spitting Contest
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Karaoke by Excalibur
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. "Channel 6" performs

Sunday, September 21

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. "Life" performs
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration for Pie Baking Contest
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. "Faces of Adam" performs
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Judging for Pie Baking and Canning contests
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. "The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan" performs
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pumpkin Rolling Contest
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Potato Sack Races
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Diaper Derby
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. "Red Garter Band" performs

Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21

"Guess How Many Kernels of Corn Are in the Container" Contest (Tickets: 5 chances for \$1)

Autumn Harvest Reaps Great Seasonal Recipes

By Florine Mark, president and chairman of the board of The WW Group, Inc.

There's nothing better than recipes made with in-season fruits and vegetables, so enjoy the autumn harvest by cooking with the seasonal foods of fall. It's a great time to visit a pumpkin patch, apple orchard, or roadside vegetable stand and pick up a selection of fresh fall produce.

For colorful, nutritional fall fare, try Chicken and Squash Stew. This is a great meal on a chilly fall day. Serve it over white or brown rice to make a complete dinner entrée. When shopping, select deep, richly colored squash which are blemish-free and heavy for their size.

Yam-stuffed Apples are a fanciful, fruity side dish. Although most apple

varieties are available almost all year round, they are at their best in autumn. Pick apples that are firm and without bruises. Make sure that the apples have a fresh aroma, not a musty or moldy odor.

When entertaining, Pumpkin Soup with Cinnamon Toast Triangles is a wonderful way to start your evening. As an added touch, use a real pumpkin as a soup tureen. Simply carve out the pumpkin, fill it with boiling water, let it sit for a few minutes, then drain it and pour in the soup. The pumpkin will keep the soup warm and make a unique serving piece.

With the change of the season, make sure you stop to take in all of the autumn colors - and be sure to reap the harvest of fall by enjoying the flavors and savors of the season.



Chicken and Squash Stew

(makes 4 servings)

2 teaspoons olive oil
1 cup diced onions
3 cups diced pared butternut squash
1 cup diced carrot
2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 bay leaf
10 ounces skinless boneless chicken breast, cubed
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
Place wide, medium saucepan over medium-high heat 30 seconds; add oil and heat 30 seconds more. Add onions and cook, stirring frequently, until translucent, 4-5 minutes. Add squash and carrot and cook, stirring, 3 minutes.

Stir in broth, thyme, salt, pepper, and bay leaf; bring mixture to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, covered, 15 minutes.

With slotted spoon, remove 1 cup of solids, without bay leaf, to food processor or blender; add 1/2 cup liquid from saucepan and purée until smooth.

Transfer purée back to saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; add chicken and simmer until just cooked through, 4-5 minutes. Remove bay leaf, stir in parsley and serve immediately.

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Source: *Weight Watchers Cut the Fat Cookbook*, 1996.

Yam-stuffed Apples

(makes 2 servings, 1 apple each)

1/4 pound yam or sweet potato, pared, diced
2 small Golden Delicious apples (1/4 pound each)
1 tablespoon minced shallot or onion
2 teaspoons margarine
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg or cinnamon
Mint sprig for garnish (optional)

In medium microwavable mixing bowl, combine 2 cups water and the yam. Microwave on High (100%) for 3 minutes.

Core apples, being careful not to cut through bottoms of apples. Scoop out pulp from each apple, leaving 1/4-inch thick shells and reserving pulp; set shells aside.

Add apple pulp and shallot to yam and microwave on High for 3 minutes. Drain yam-apple mixture, discarding cooking liquid. Add margarine and nutmeg and, using a fork, mash mixture until smooth.

Fill each apple shell with half of the yam-apple mixture. Set apple shells in an 8x8x2-inch microwavable baking dish, cover, and microwave on High for 4 minutes, until thoroughly heated. Garnish with mint sprig.

Each serving provides: 1 Fat; 1/2 Bread; 1 Fruit (3 Points).

Per serving: 168 Calories; 1 g. Protein; 4 g. Fat; 33 g. Carbohydrate; 21 mg. Calcium; 50 mg. Sodium; 0 mg. Cholesterol; 5 g. Dietary Fiber.

Source: *Simply Light Cooking*, 1992.

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AUTUMN HARVEST RECIPES

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Pumpkin Soup with Cinnamon Toast Triangles

(makes 4 servings)

1 cup canned or fresh pumpkin purée

2 cups frozen yellow turnips, cooked

1 cup low-sodium chicken broth

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Dash white pepper

1 cup evaporated skimmed milk

1 teaspoon + 1 teaspoon reduced-calorie tub margarine

3/4 teaspoon granulated sugar

2 slices 9-grain or whole-wheat bread

Parsley sprigs to garnish (optional)

In 3-quart saucepan, combine pumpkins, turnips, broth, 1/4 cup water, salt, ginger, 1/8 teaspoon of the cinnamon, the nutmeg, and white pepper.

Blend in the evaporated milk. Heat mixture slowly to serving temperature, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine margarine, sugar, and the remaining 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon. Spread equally over bread slices. Toast in toaster oven or under broiler until golden. Cut each slice into 4 triangles. Ladle soup into bowls; serve 2 bread triangles with each bowl and garnish with parsley sprig.

Each serving (1 1/4 cups soup + 2 toast triangles) provides: 1/2 Milk; 1/2 Fat; 1 1/2 Vegetables; 1/2 Bread; 10 Bonus Calories (3 Points).

Per serving: 134 Calories; 7 g. Protein; 3 g. Fat; 20 g. Carbohydrate; 331 mg. Sodium; 3 mg. Cholesterol; 2 g. Dietary Fiber.

Source: *The Weight Watchers Complete Cookbook and Program Basics*, 1994. □

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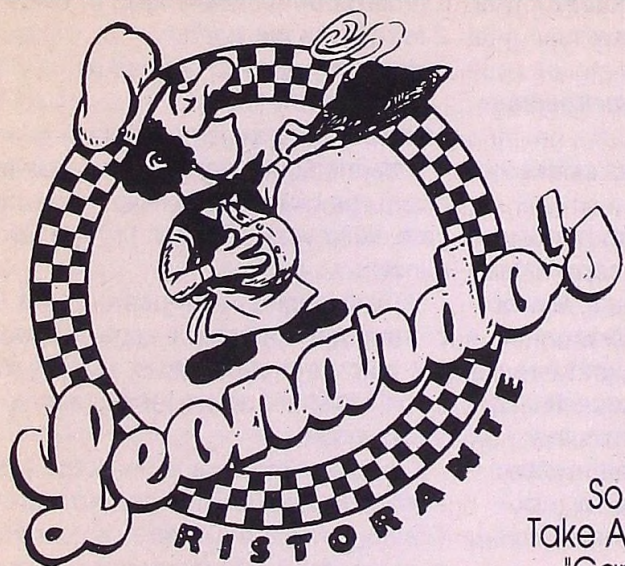
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LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

	1	2	3	
	4	5	6	
	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	
	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	
	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	
	31	32	33	

DEFINITIONS

- Spotted or patched, as a horse
- Removed water from a boat
- Metal runner of an ice skate
- Those who surpass others in rank or quality
- She ranks directly below an abbess
- More dull or commonplace
- A fine or thin thread, fiber, or wire
- Blow up, as a balloon
- Impose as a necessary accompaniment or consequence
- One who uses a brush to apply pigments to a canvas
- Light-sensitive membrane of the eye
- Not readily reactive with other elements
- Characteristic pattern of coloration, as on an animal
- Border surrounding the written or printed area on a page
- Small particle, as of salt or sand
- Color found between blue and violet in the visible spectrum
- Wild dog of Australia
- Bell-like tone or sound
- Located within the body, as organs
- Communal toilet, as in a barrack
- Keep possession of
- Whim or notion
- Greenish blue
- Slang term for a jail, restroom, or derrière
- Type of bed, duster, or brain?
- Sire offspring
- It's been called "the third rock from the sun"
- Suckled
- Beneath
- Tear or rip
- Business establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises
- "Nevermore," quoth he
- Affirm or declare

For solution, see page 8

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "PUMPKINS"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in PUMPKINS? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Plurals, proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 20 words can be found on page 8

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Proposed Disposal Facility Has Detroiters Up in Arms

By Kristi Stephens

A proposed waste disposal facility has southwest Detroit residents concerned about its potential to negatively impact the neighborhood's environment.

The Detroit Coke Corporation has applied to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a permit to operate such a facility on the site where its old coke plant was located, just north of Zug Island. Detroit Coke plans to use two of the site's existing deep-wells — reportedly drilled in the mid 1970s for private use in disposing of ammonia liquor and other toxic chemicals associated with the company's operations — to dispose of privately generated hazardous wastes as well as nonhazardous wastes that it would accept from American and Canadian customers. Further, if the company decided, at a later date, to try to amend its permit application in order to accept commercial hazardous wastes, it would have to seek permission from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to construct and operate an above-ground facility that would allow for storage and treatment of those wastewaters prior to their disposal.

But many residents are wondering how Detroit Coke — which, according to a WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 news report aired on September 10, has been out of business since 1991, and has unpaid debts totalling approximately \$45 million, including more than \$250,000 in air-pollution fines — can be considered for a permit. There also seems to be some question as to what other companies may be involved in the project, and who would be ultimately responsible for any problems at the site. For instance, Channel 7's Frank Turner reported that a company called Liquid Technology has been identified as the limited liability company that "will take full responsibility for all future operational environmental compliance and liability," but Allen Melcer, the EPA-Region V permit writer handling the Detroit Coke application, said that he was unfamiliar with the company, and that it was his belief that the EPA would hold Detroit Coke responsible for any necessary cleanups. Sara Lile, Director of Detroit's Environmental Office, agreed. "Detroit Coke is the owner of this property," she told Channel 7, "and the obligation for that property rests with them."

The fact that the proposed location is already polluted from previous operations is also of special concern.

According to Melcer, the EPA is currently investigating the Detroit site to identify areas of contamination so that the company can begin a voluntary cleanup program. But, he added, it is possible that the EPA could grant De-

troit Coke's permit requests before the site is totally rehabilitated, as long as the company is actively working toward cleanup of the site and furnishes plans for continued efforts in the future.

Thomas Wellman, Supervisor of the Geological Survey Division's Permits and Bonding Unit at the DEQ, says that his office has not yet received a permit application from Detroit Coke. However, if and when such an application is received, the DEQ's policy regarding the cleanup of any previous contamination would be similar to the EPA's — in other words, the site need not be completely rehabilitated before beginning new operations, as long as cleanup plans can be demonstrated.

Because the Detroit Coke facility would be at least superficially similar to facilities which Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), plans to operate in Romulus, many area residents are watching the developments in Detroit with interest. However, several significant differences between the two do exist, and these differences may mean that the Detroit Coke project has a much greater potential for adverse environmental impact. Areas of concern include the facility's immediate proximity to the Detroit River, and whether the EPA and/or DEQ would require Detroit Coke to upgrade the engineering of wells that are more than two decades old and may have been designed to handle only a few specialized waste streams.

But perhaps most ominous, from the point of view of many residents, is the fact that information concerning one portion of Detroit Coke's permit application cannot be elicited from the EPA through a typical Freedom of Information Act request because the company has asked the EPA to keep it confidential, claiming that it contains proprietary business information. According to Melcer, the EPA will comply with Detroit Coke's request because the agency's attorneys are of the opinion that the material does qualify for consideration as confidential business information.

David Werbach, the EPA permit writer handling EDS' application, says that Romulus-area residents seeking similar information regarding EDS' proposed facilities will face no such stone-wall, since the company long ago agreed to make all pertinent information available to the public.

When contacted about his reaction to Detroit Coke's plans, and any comparison that might be drawn between the two companies, EDS owner and president Douglas Wicklund stated, "We at EDS are especially proud of our proposed Citrin Drive facility, which will be state-of-the-art and technologically advanced well into the 21st century." □

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ANSWERS

answers to puzzles from page 6

LEAPFROG:

- 1) piebald; 2) bailed; 3) blade
- 4) superiors; 5) prioress; 6) prosier
- 7) filament; 8) inflate; 9) entail
- 10) painter; 11) retina; 12) inert
- 13) marking; 14) margin; 15) grain
- 16) indigo; 17) dingo; 18) dong
- 19) internal; 20) latrine; 21) retain
- 22) fancy; 23) cyan; 24) can
- 25) feather; 26) father; 27) earth
- 28) nursed; 29) under; 30) rend
- 31) tavern; 32) raven; 33) aver

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YOU'LL FIND IT IN "PUMPKINS":

mink, musk, pimp, pink, pump, punk, sink, skim, skin, skip, snip, spin, spun, pump, sunk, minus, pinup, skimp, spunk, pumpkin

Fall Fun Festivals

(compiled by AAA Michigan)

- September 12-14
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- September 12-14
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- September 13
Bittersweet Festival
Auburn (517-662-7002)
- September 13
Scenic Shoreline Bike Tour
Mackinaw City (800-666-0160)
- September 13
Fall Harvest Tour VIII
St. Joseph (616-651-5758)
- September 18-21
Oktoberfest
Frankenmuth (800-FUN-FEST)
- September 19-20
Festival of the Forks
Albion (517-629-5533)
- September 19-21
Festival of the Arts
University Cultural Center,
Detroit (313-577-5088)
- September 19-21
Hot Air Balloonfest
Davisburg (810-698-4772)
- September 19-21
Festival of the Pines
Lake City (616-839-4969)
- September 20
Applefest & Craft Show
Coldwater (517-279-9375)
- September 20-21
Oktoberfest
Oscoda (517-739-2231)
- September 20-21
Maple River Pow-Wow
Uncle John's Cider Mill,
St. John's (517-224-3686)
- September 20-21
Vintage Festival
Marine City (810-987-TOUR)

Upcoming Athletics at Romulus Schools

RHS Football (Varsity)

- Romulus at Annapolis
(Sat., Sept. 13, 1 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus
(Fri., Sept. 19, 7 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus
(Fri., Sept. 26, 7 p.m.)

RHS Football (JV)

- Romulus at River Rouge
(Thurs., Sept. 18, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti
(Thurs., Sept. 25, 7 p.m.)

RHS Girls' Basketball

- Thurston at Romulus
(Thurs., Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m.)
- Taylor Kennedy at Romulus
(Tues., Sept. 23, 5:30 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus
(Thurs., Sept. 25, 5:30 p.m.)

RHS Cross Country

- Robichaud at Romulus
(Tues., Sept. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Tri w/Inkster at Willow Run
(Thurs., Sept. 18, 4 p.m.)
- Jefferson Invitational
(Sat., Sept. 20, TBA)
- Romulus at Highland Park
(Thurs., Sept. 25, 4 p.m.)

RHS Girls' Tennis

- Belleville at Romulus
(Fri., Sept. 12, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston
(Mon., Sept. 15, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson
(Wed., Sept. 17, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus
(Thurs., Sept. 18, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis
(Fri., Sept. 19, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park
(Mon., Sept. 22, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti
(Wed., Sept. 24, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville
(Fri., Sept. 26, 4 p.m.)

RHS Golf

- Edsel Ford at Romulus
(Fri., Sept. 12, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Crestwood
(Mon., Sept. 15, 3:30 p.m.)
- Thurston at Romulus
(Wed., Sept. 17, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti
(Fri., Sept. 19, 3:30 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus
(Mon., Sept. 22, 3:30 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus
(Fri., Sept. 26, 3:30 p.m.)

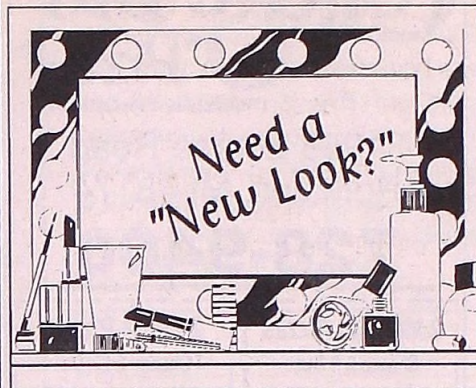
RMS Football

- Trenton at Romulus
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RMS Girls' Basketball

- Romulus at Highland Park
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Community Calendar

- **Punt, Pass, and Kick** – Boys and girls born from 1982 through 1989 are invited to participate in the annual Punt, Pass, and Kick competition to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, at Senior Citizens Park. Top finishers will move on to Sectional competition at Munson Park in Monroe on October 11. There is no registration fee, but participants must bring their birth certificate to the Recreation office at the time of sign-up. Registration must be made by 6 p.m. Friday, September 12.
- **Music in the Park** – The talented Miss Cecelia Lee – featured in *Newsweek* magazine and a variety of other entertainment and news publications – will perform at Romulus Historic Park (located on Hunt Street near the Post Office) on Thursday, September 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. There is no admission fee. Bring your lawn chairs!
- **Speech/Language Information Night** – The Romulus Special Needs Parent Advisory Committee invites the public to attend a workshop to be conducted in Halecreek School's media center on Thursday, September 18, beginning at 7 p.m. If you have a child who receives Speech and Language Services, or if you would like to understand more about speech and language problems, this is the workshop for you! Please call 941-7330 or 941-4249 to RSVP by September 16.
- **Celebration in Honor of SCCOGIC Missionary** – Superintendent James L. Whitehead, Jr., pastor of the Saint City Church of God in Christ, invites the public to attend an afternoon of celebration in honor of missionary Mollie Ann Whitehead. The Celebration will be held at the Church (located at 7335 Washington in Romulus) on Sunday, September 14, at 3:30 p.m. For information, call 595-0629.
- **St. Paul's Seeks Crafters** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is seeking artists and crafters to participate in its 14th annual "Country and Craft Show," set for October 4–5. Spaces at this indoor show are \$30 without table/\$35 with table (for both days). For more information, contact Ilene Shaffer (753-4534) or the Church (753-9048).
- **Household Dog Obedience Class** – The Adult & Community Education program at Wayne County Community College is offering a "household dog obedience" class beginning October 21. Dogs must be at least five-and-a-half months of age; proof of shots and a negative fecal check must be presented to the training master on the first night of class; and dogs must be on a leash and wear a training collar. Doggie treats are optional, but nice to have. No animals that endanger other animals or humans will be accepted; this includes wolves, wolf hybrids, pit bulls, etc., deemed to be dangerous by the trainer. All handlers taking the class must be at least 18 years of age. For information about schedules and fees, please call 697-5334.
- **Nursery Accepting Applications** – Huron Countryside Cooperative Nursery is a nonprofit organization that admits students of any race, color, sex, handicap, or ethnic or national origin. Fall enrollment is now underway. For more information, call 782-2115 or write to P.O. Box 284, New Boston, MI 48164-9717.
- **Help for Pregnant and Parenting Teens** – The Young Mothers Assistance Program (Y-MAP) offers pregnant and parenting teens help with community-resource referrals, monthly support groups, personal counseling, and more. For information, call 313-513-7598.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-2720.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Local Law Firm Has New Associate

By Rikki Strobos

Welcome to Cara L. (Cichowski) Cunningham, who joined the law firm of Oakley & Oakley earlier this month after concluding a clerkship with United States Magistrate Judge Virginia M. Morgan.

The daughter of longtime Romulus residents Jerry and Susan Cichowski, Cunningham graduated from Romulus High School at age 16, then went on to receive a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in 1993 and a juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1996. While at Michigan State, she was president of the Student Council and was named "outstanding senior" in 1993. At University of Detroit Mercy, she was a Moot Court Board director and won both regional and national Moot Court honors.

"I feel great about coming home to practice law," Cunningham enthused. "I'm looking forward to dealing with people on a personal level in order to assist them with any legal problems they might have."

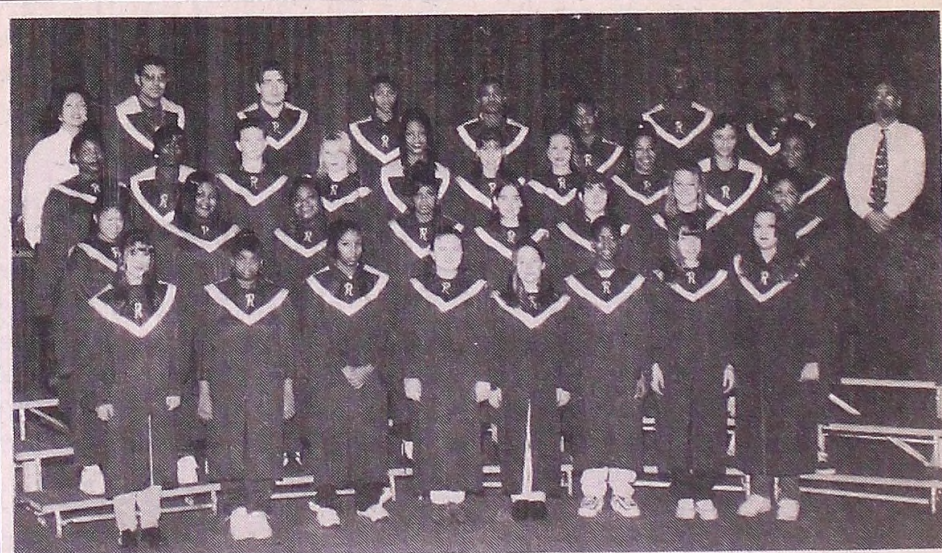


Cara L. (Cichowski) Cunningham

Cunningham believes that her special interest in the personal injury and employment law areas will blend well with Oakley & Oakley's existing general-practice office.

Stop in and say hello to Cara at the Oakley & Oakley offices (located at 36830 Goddard Road in downtown Romulus) or call her to discuss your legal problems (941-1920). □

Talented Students Seek Support



Romulus High School Concert Choir (photo: Lasting Images, Southgate)

Romulus High School is currently conducting a special fund-raising effort for Romulus Community Schools choir, dance, and drama programs to assist in upgrading performance facilities and supporting student activities.

Local residents are being contacted and asked to purchase items such as delicious frozen pizza, French-bread pizza, gourmet roasted nuts, Amish-style fudge, durable trash bags, useful first-aid kits, and lifesaving fire extinguishers. All products will be delivered to the customer's doorstep at no extra charge.

Cash donations are also welcome.

Last April, the group raised about \$800, thanks to the generous support of local residents. The funds were used to purchase additional choir stoles for the growing High School Concert Choir and

a tape recorder that allows students to hear how they performed and make necessary adjustments. The monies were also used to help offset the cost of attending a special dance day at Wayne State University, and to purchase rewards for students who participated in performances and successfully accomplished hard work during class.

For more information, or to make a donation, please contact Judith Thompson-Barthwell, Director of Choirs/Dance, at 941-2170, ext. 503. □

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Basham To Host Breakfast Forum

State Representative Raymond E. Basham (D-Taylor/Romulus) is inviting all area senior citizens to discuss issues and concerns of importance to them at his first annual breakfast forum, which will be held at the Romulus Senior Center on Thursday, September 18. The event will begin with a complimentary continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by a discussion at 9:30 a.m.

Among the topics to be covered will be taxes, health care, and elder care.

For more information, contact the Romulus Senior Center or call Basham at his Lansing office: 517-373-0852.

Pumpkin Festival Participants

A variety of beautiful, handmade items created by some of the Romulus Senior Center's most talented crafters will be on display at the Center on Saturday, September 20, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and on Sunday, September 21, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., when the Center takes part in the City of Romulus' first annual Pumpkin Festival. Be sure to drop by to shop and/or refresh yourself with one of the beverages which will be on sale, as well.

Crafters age 50 and older who would like to take part should sign up at the Center right away, as space is limited. There is no entry or rental fee.

Bake/Rummage Sales

Bargains shoppers won't want to miss the annual Whispering Willows and Romulus Senior Center rummage sales which are coming up soon.

The Whispering Willows Bake/Rummage Sale is the first on the horizon. It will be held in the lobby of the senior-citizen apartment building, located at 11100 Wayne Road, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 3, and Saturday, October 4.

The Romulus Senior Center's Trash or Treasure event has been set for Friday, October 17, and Saturday, October 18. Romulus seniors (age 50 and over) who would like to participate can do so by signing up at the Center. There is no rental fee, but space is limited, so be sure to sign up right away if you're interested.

City Slickers

September's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *City Slickers*, a 1991, four-star, PG-13-rated comedy starring Billy Crystal, Jack Palance (who won the "Best Supporting Actor" Oscar for his portrayal of "Curly"), Daniel Stern, and Jon Lovitz – will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 19. Refreshments will be served.

Potluck

The Romulus Senior Center's next potluck – set for Friday, September 26, at 1 p.m. – will feature a hearty main dish of "poor man's shepherd pie" in keeping with the dinner's "Wild West" theme. As always, you're invited to bring a dish and bring a friend.

Senior Crime Watch

Local senior citizens interested in learning more about what they can do to prevent crime and promote safety within their neighborhood are invited to attend the Center's next "Senior Crime Watch" meeting, to be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 25. Legal Aid will be on hand to discuss the topic of "Senior Abuse and Neglect." As always, Officer Tom Ellis of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand to offer his assistance and share his expertise. Please come: Isn't your peace of mind worth an hour of your time?

Haircuts

Senior citizens can come into the Romulus Senior Center for \$5 haircuts on the second Monday of each month beginning at 1 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome, but, for your own convenience, the Center recommends calling ahead for an appointment. Note: Since "shampoo" facilities are not available, seniors must arrive with clean hair.

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about the "Meals on Wheels" program, please call 1-800-851-1454.

Volunteers Wanted

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement. For more information, call Fran Ryder at 326-4441.

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REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 25, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 25, 1997, was called to order by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/97/20 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Minutes of August 11, 18, and 20, 1997, were approved with the following correction: **August 11, 1997 – Alternate Program for Pregnant Girls** to be corrected as follows: Moved by Kesner supported by Webb to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 1997-98 Alternate Program for Pregnant Girls as per the attached letter and agreement from the Garden City Schools.

8/97/21 Moved by Kesner supported by Woods to approve the Minutes of August 11, 1997, as corrected, and August 18 and August 20, 1997, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, presented the following personnel actions for Board approval. **EMPLOYMENT** – Daniel McCabe, Social Studies/Middle School, Eff. September 2, 1997; Kim Jensen, Science/Middle School, Eff. September 2, 1997; Shannon Matuska, Area Coordinator, Alternative MS, Eff. August 18, 1997; Sharman Spieser, Area Coordinator, Adult Ed/GED, Eff. September 2, 1997; and Kathleen Jacobson, Area Coordinator, Community High, Eff. August 18, 1997. **RESIGNATION** – Wayne Schimming, English/Middle School, Eff. August 20, 1997.

8/97/22 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to approve the personnel actions as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

8/97/23 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

District News Cable Station

8/97/24 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to purchase a District News Cable System from Thalner Electronic Lab, Inc., to be taken from Bond funds and not to exceed \$30,000. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Cafeteria Presentation

Bill Koslowski, Theresa McCann, and Becky Sepowicz were present to give a financial overview of the Romulus Schools Food Service Program and requested that the prices for lunch (elementary and secondary) be increased to eliminate the deficit.

8/97/25 Moved by Kesner supported by Lenossi to accept the recommendation of the Cafeteria Manager and charge \$1.75 for elementary lunches and \$2.00 for secondary lunches. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Boys' and Girls' Bible Club

8/97/26 Moved by Gondek supported by Woods that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Boys' and Girls' Bible Club as per the attached letter. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Designation of Delegates for MASB

There was no action taken.

Summer School Report – Madonna

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, gave the Board of Education a brief synopsis on the Romulus/Madonna Summer School Program and distributed a booklet that was assembled by staff.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

None.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Barth Elementary Annual Report; 2) Cory Elementary Annual Report; 3) Halecreek Elementary Annual Report; 4) Merriman Elementary Annual Report; 5) Romulus Middle School Annual Report; 6) Romulus High School Annual Report; 7) Special Services Annual Report; and 8) Fall Sports Schedule for 1997-98.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Michael Woods asked if the teachers are accredited.

Mrs. Judith Gondek asked if the football field will be ready.

Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn reminded the Board of Education that the Wayne County Association of School Boards will hold its monthly meeting at Cory School in November.

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz expressed her appreciation for the District calendars that Louise Briody assembled.

Mrs. Eva Webb stated that the Romulus City Council would like to schedule a joint meeting with the Romulus Board of Education relative to the City/School Committee.

Executive Session – Negotiations

Canceled.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/97/27 Moved by Gondek supported by Webb that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

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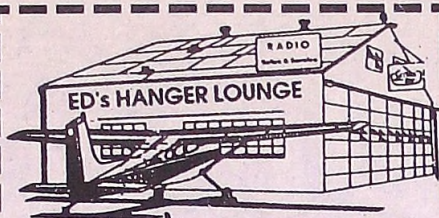
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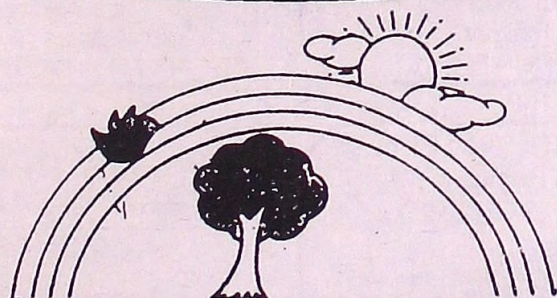
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Obituaries

Castle W. Crook, Jr.

Castle W. Crook, Jr., of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, September 5, 1997. He was 58 years old.

Castle—a native of Detroit, Michigan—was born on February 27, 1939, and graduated from Belleville High School in 1957. He and wife Janet were married in Romulus, Michigan, on April 8, 1961.

The Ford Motor Company (Rawsonville Plant) retiree was also a member of UAW (United Auto Workers) Local #898, the Ypsilanti Moose Club, and the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Castle is survived by his wife; his mother, Dorothy M. Crook (Belle

River, Ontario, Canada); one son, Dennis M. Crook (Romulus, MI); three daughters, Jacqueline D. Crook (Romulus, MI), Karen A. Crook (Inkster, MI), and Sarah K. Crook (Romulus, MI); three brothers, Robert (Wayne, MI), Gary (Romulus, MI), and Dale Crook (Fayetteville, GA); and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 9, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Dorothy G. (Gueth) Lambert Dawson

Dorothy Grace (Gueth) Lambert Dawson of Spring Lake, Michigan, died on Tuesday, September 2, 1997, at the age of 66.

She is survived by her husband, Lyle Dawson; four sons, Russell (and his wife Maria) Lambert (Romulus, MI), Alan Lambert (Romulus, MI), Rueben "Randy" S. Lambert (Ann Arbor, MI), and Robert Lambert (New York, NY); a daughter, Sandra (and her husband David) Purcell (Romulus, MI); a stepdaughter, Lynn (and her husband Craig) Dawson-Linton

(Dexter, MI); a brother, Russell (and his wife Peggy) Reichert (Hazel Park, MI); a sister-in-law, Barbara Reichert (Taylor, MI); and nine grandchildren. She was predeceased by her first husband, Daniel I. Lambert, in 1991.

A memorial service for members of the immediate family was held in Spring Lake on Thursday, September 4. A second service has been planned for Sunday, November 23. For information, please call either Maria Lambert (942-0858) or Sandy Purcell (942-0748).

Virginia M. (Thomas) Kuboff

Virginia M. (Thomas) Kuboff of Huron Township, Michigan, died on Tuesday, September 2, 1997. She was 71 years old.

Virginia was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on October 28, 1925, and married George Kuboff in Cambell, Ohio, on October 20, 1948.

Her interests included membership in VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post #4039.

Surviving Virginia are her husband; one son, George J. Kuboff (Manchester, MI); two daughters,

Mrs. Dickson (Virginia M.) Mann (Belleville, MI) and Mrs. Charles (Mary Ann) Beach (West Bloomfield, MI); two brothers, Joseph (Cortland, MI) and Thomas Thomas (Arlington, TX); and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Friday, September 5, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wytrowski officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Julia H. (Zimba) Traskos

Julia H. (Zimba) Traskos of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, August 29, 1997, at the age of 79.

A native of Cassopolis, Michigan, she was born February 5, 1918.

Her interests included membership in the Belleville Moose Club.

Julia is survived by one son, Sylvester Traskos (Romulus, MI); one brother, Edward (and his wife Helen) Zimba (Cape Coral, FL); one sister, Ms. Irene Tuxford (Euless, TX); two grandchildren; and two great-grand

children. She was predeceased by her husband, Sylvester Traskos, and one sister.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 3, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Alexander Wytrowski (St. Stephen's Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by Tri-County Cremations Services (Ypsilanti, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Cancer Society. □

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